

NOES—195

Abercrombie	Hall (TX)	Neal
Ackerman	Hamilton	Neumann
Aderholt	Hastings (FL)	Oberstar
Allen	Hefner	Obey
Andrews	Hill	Ortiz
Baesler	Hilliard	Owens
Baldacci	Hinchey	Pallone
Barrett (WI)	Hinojosa	Pascarell
Becerra	Holden	Pastor
Bentsen	Hoyer	Payne
Berry	Jackson (IL)	Pelosi
Blagojevich	Jackson-Lee	Peterson (MN)
Blumenauer	(TX)	Pickett
Bonior	Jefferson	Pomeroy
Borski	John	Poshard
Boucher	Johnson (WI)	Price (NC)
Boyd	Johnson, E.B.	Rahall
Brady (PA)	Kanjorski	Rangel
Brown (CA)	Kaptur	Reyes
Brown (FL)	Kennedy (MA)	Rivers
Brown (OH)	Kennedy (RI)	Rodriguez
Cardin	Kildee	Rothman
Carson	Kilpatrick	Roybal-Allard
Castle	Kind (WI)	Rush
Chenoweth	Klecza	Sabo
Clay	Klink	Sanchez
Clayton	Kucinich	Sanders
Clement	LaFalce	Sanford
Clyburn	LaHood	Sawyer
Conyers	Lampson	Schumer
Costello	Lantos	Scott
Coyne	Lee	Serrano
Cummings	Levin	Sisisky
Davis (FL)	Lewis (GA)	Skaggs
Davis (IL)	Lipinski	Skelton
DeFazio	Lofgren	Slaughter
DeGette	Lowey	Smith, Adam
Delahunt	Luther	Smith, Linda
DeLauro	Maloney (NY)	Snyder
Deutsch	Manton	Spratt
Dicks	Markey	Stabenow
Dingell	Martinez	Stark
Dixon	Mascara	Stenholm
Doggett	Matsui	Stokes
Dooley	McCarthy (MO)	Strickland
Doyle	McDermott	Stupak
Edwards	McGovern	Tanner
Emerson	McHale	Thompson
Engel	McIntyre	Thurman
Eshoo	McKinney	Tierney
Etheridge	McNulty	Torres
Evans	Meehan	Towns
Farr	Meek (FL)	Trafficant
Fattah	Meeks (NY)	Velazquez
Fazio	Menendez	Vento
Filner	Millender	Visclosky
Ford	McDonald	Waters
Frank (MA)	Miller (CA)	Watt (NC)
Frost	Minge	Waxman
Gejdenson	Mink	Wexler
Gephardt	Moakley	Weygand
Gonzalez	Mollohan	Wise
Green	Moran (VA)	Woolsey
Gutierrez	Morella	Wynn
Gutknecht	Murtha	Yates
Hall (OH)	Nadler	

NOT VOTING—11

Berman	Fowler	Pryce (OH)
Burton	Furse	Saxton
Callahan	Goss	Taylor (MS)
Coburn	Olver	

□ 1212

The Clerk announced the following pairs:

On this vote:

Mr. Callahan for, with Mr. Taylor of Mississippi against.

Mrs. Fowler for, with Mr. Olver against.

Mr. Burton for, with Mr. Berman against.

Mr. Porter changed his vote from "no" to "aye."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 552, the title of H.R. 4579 is amended so as to read:

"A bill to provide tax relief for individuals, families, and farming and other small busi-

nesses, to provide tax incentives for education, to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes, and to amend the Social Security Act to establish the Protect Social Security Account into which the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit budget surpluses until a reform measure is enacted to ensure the long-term solvency of the OASDI trust funds."

Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 552, the text of H.R. 4578 will be appended to the engrossment of H.R. 4579, and H.R. 4578 will be laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. FAZIO of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I would inquire of the majority leader regarding next week's schedule.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FAZIO of California. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that we have completed legislative business for the week.

On Monday the House will consider a number of bills under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices today.

After suspensions, the House will take up the conference reports for H.R. 4103, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act; H.R. 4060, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act; and H.R. 6, the Higher Education Amendments of 1998.

□ 1215

On Tuesday, September 29, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for Morning Hour, and 10 o'clock a.m. for legislative business. We hope to consider the conference reports for H.R. 4101, the Agriculture Appropriations Act.

Mr. Speaker, we will conclude business and votes by noon on Tuesday, September 29, so Members can observe the Jewish holiday. We will not have any votes on Wednesday, September 30, and the House will return on Thursday October 1 at 2 o'clock p.m. We do not expect any recorded votes before 5 o'clock on Thursday, October 1.

On Thursday, October 1 and Friday, October 2, the House will consider H.R. 4570, the Omnibus National Parks and Public Lands Act. We hope to have the conference report on H.R. 4104, the Treasury Appropriations Act, available next week. Of course, we may consider any other conference reports that become available.

We should conclude legislative business for the week next week by 6 o'clock on Friday, October 2. And I want to thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I would inquire of the gentleman, the workload looks kind of light for Thursday evening and

Friday. Is it possible that we would not be required to be here until 6:00 on Friday, given the fact that we may have only one bill as currently scheduled, a conference report at that, for an hour?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would continue to yield, I thank the gentleman for his interest. As the gentleman knows at this time, depending on what conference reports are available and what work is available and, for example, on a day such as Friday, depending on what agreements we can reach with respect to beginning early and so forth, we would obviously try to, as the week proceeds, get a read on that and report to the Members as quickly as possible and if at all, conclude earlier on Friday, if we have the latitude in our work schedule to do so.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, a number of Members have asked me if we still expect the House to complete this session and adjourn on October 9, or if there is possibility of going another 3 or 4 days perhaps? It looks like we are running into some problems getting all the appropriation bills passed.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding to me again. As we did a continuing resolution, signed yesterday by the President, we were aware of the fact that the Monday following October 9, I believe, was Columbus Day. As has been the case for as long as I can remember, when we schedule the end of the session adjournment for a Friday, like October 9, it is implied I think "some time that weekend."

But, yes, we do anticipate that we will be able to complete that work and be ready to go. And I may mention that in bicameral discussions with the other body, they too are very confident that we will complete by that weekend.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I had one other question. As we get closer to the time the session comes to an end, and the election is not too far beyond that, is it possible we will take another crack at fast track before the session is ended?

Mr. ARMEY. Well, I want to thank the gentleman for that inquiry. I expect perhaps not. Unless the gentleman from California is making this a request. We could at least entertain it on his behalf.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I was merely wondering what the strategy was to improve our performance on this issue.

REQUIRE FEDERAL AGENCIES TO OBEY ENVIRONMENTAL LAW THEY ENFORCE ON OTHERS

(Mr. NORWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, whatever happened to user-friendly bureaucrats, if there were any?

Clear dangerous underbrush from the public area between your house and Thurmond Lake that resulted from a

tornado 4 months ago and, boom, the Corps of Engineers revokes your dock permit for violating a shoreline management plan.

Buy a new house on Lake Thurmond Georgia and fail to replant trees on public property that you never cut down in the first place and, boom, no lake shore use permit for you.

Do as I say, not as I do. That ought to be the new motto for the Corps' Savannah office. For while they routinely violate the Clean Water Act without being penalized, they have no problem lowering the boom on individuals who are not in compliance with their mostly frivolous rules and regulations.

But, Mr. Speaker, that will change. Cosponsor H.R. 1194, a bill to require Federal agencies to abide by the same environmental laws that they enforce on private citizens. Maybe the bureaucrats then will be a little more understanding.

THE MARCH, COMING TOGETHER TO CONQUER CANCER

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in just a few minutes I will leave this House to go down and join so many Americans to support the March of Coming Together to Conquer Cancer. Thousands of cancer survivors, researchers, leaders, doctors, patients, and families will gather on the National Mall on this Saturday, September 26, to demand that the cause, the care, and the cure of cancer be made top research and health care priorities in this country.

Sadly, we may have not focused as much as we should have, although we have many advocates in this body. But I hope that we will gather today to recommit ourselves to fight this devastating disease.

General Norman Schwarzkopf will be the Honorary Chair, and so many will join us. Because in 1971, this Nation declared a war on cancer, pledging to find a cure within 7 years. Mr. Speaker, it is now 27 years later.

To Katherine Bates, to Michelle Beck and Madgeleon Bush of my constituency. Katherine Bates, a cancer survivor. To my deceased father, Ezra Jackson, to my good friend who is now deceased, Michelle Robinson, I pledge that we will work to ensure that we have a cure for cancer.

I thank M.D. Anderson and Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the African-American Women's Clergy Association. Let us go down and march to cure cancer.

FEMINIST GROUPS SELL OUT REAL INTEREST OF WOMEN FOR PARTISAN POLITICS

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, for 7 months, Americans have been wondering why there is a deafening silence from the feminist organizations in Washington. Despite their loud and organized opposition to the allegations against Justice Clarence Thomas, their outrage at Senator Packwood, nary a word was said about activity in the White House.

But look at the headlines. The feminists have finally found their tongues and they support the President. In fact, they are proud of him. Barbara Laden, of the Independent Women's Forum, charges that the left-wing feminist groups are, "willing to sell out the real interest of women to play partisan politics. It is an embarrassment. They're actually betraying feminism," she says.

Mr. Speaker, misbehavior, whether by the left or right, is wrong. I am sorry to see that so-called feminist leaders cannot find their moral outrage when the offense is on the left.

AMERICA IS NOT BIZARRO WORLD

(Mr. BARR of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, recent events in Washington bring to mind nothing so much perhaps as the Bizarro World into which the comic book character Superman sometimes found himself, where everything is the opposite of reality, where "is" does not mean "is," perjury does not mean telling a lie, and obstruction may not mean impeding or interfering with justice.

Mr. Speaker, it is time we remind America that this is not the Bizarro World. This is the United States of America where "is" means "is," "truth" means "truth," perjury means telling a lie, and no man is above the law.

IT IS TIME FOR TAX CUTS

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, George Bernard Shaw once stated that, "A government which robs from Peter to pay Paul can always depend upon the support of Paul."

The Democratic leadership and the liberal Democrats are absolutely supporting Paul. They are demagoguing the issue of tax cuts and are claiming that Social Security will be jeopardized by any such cuts.

These same Democrats, who spent billions and billions of dollars on failed and wasteful social programs, have had 40 years to fix Social Security. Now they are claiming that any such tax cut will threaten its future.

Well, the same Democrats who helped pass the bipartisan balanced budget last summer which included tax cuts now say that tax cuts are off the table.

They oppose tax cuts when we are in a budget deficit. Of course, they do not want to cut spending. They oppose tax cuts when there is a budget surplus because it will somehow threaten Social Security.

Any excuse to oppose tax cuts will do.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to stop robbing Peter and let him keep his hard-earned money. Who knows, maybe we will even create a job for Paul. It is time to pass a tax cut.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE MARINE OF WHITE HALL, ILLINOIS

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to remember a man who embodied the best of our community, Retired Army Major General George Marine of White Hall, Illinois, who died earlier this summer at the age of 68.

After his retirement, he began a career as a farmer, was a driving force behind the Greene County Rural Water District, the Greene County Economic Development Council, and served on the Boyd Memorial Hospital Board.

General Marine was also out in the community. One of his last projects was to repair and paint the picnic tables at the White Hall Park.

As his retirement was filled with success, so was his active duty. He served in a position in the Pentagon where he spoke with President Lyndon Johnson virtually every day during the Vietnam War. In Korea, where General Marine served with Colin Powell, he earned his first combat infantryman's badge.

Mr. Speaker, his family's loss is our loss as well. Greene County Treasurer, Kirby Ballard, summed it up well. "He was the way we all should retire."

DEMOCRATS' POSITION ON TAX CUT IS GOOFY

(Mr. BLUNT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, did those who supported tax cuts last summer as part of the balanced budget agreement, and oppose them today, last year raid the Social Security fund when they voted for tax cuts? Why was it that last year the tax cuts that were passed while the budget was in a deficit were not a threat to Social Security, but tax cuts while the budget is in surplus are?

This is just goofy, Mr. Speaker.

The other side is counting yet again on their hopes that seniors will not know the facts, so they can scare them just like they did 2 years ago about cuts in Medicare. Those cuts turned out to be actually increases in Medicare.

Even goofier is their obvious bad faith in opposing tax cuts this year,